

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, July 15, 2013.

Following the Invocation, the Pledge of the Allegiance to the Flag was led by Elizabeth Olmos, 5th Grade student at Aspire – Huntington Park Charter School Public. The meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Gomez. Present: Council Member Valentin Palos Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Rosa E. Perez, Council Member Karina Macias, and Mayor Mario Gomez; Absent: Council Member Ofelia Hernandez.

Mayor Gomez and City Council presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Elizabeth Olmos, 5th Grade student at Aspire – Huntington Park Charter School Public for leading the flag salute at the City Council meeting July 15, 2013.

Martin Delgado, representing the Huntington Park Kiwanis Club and Huntington Park Key Club, briefed City Council regarding the Key Club's accomplishments and introduced its current members. Mayor Gomez and City Council presented Certificates of Appreciation and City pins to the following 2012-2013 Huntington Park Key Club members: 1) David Astorga; 2) Jasmen Sandoval; 3) Abigail Garcia; 4) Jesus Buenfil; 5) Vanessa Rodriguez.

Mayor Gomez opened oral communications, indicating that this was the time for anyone in the audience to address the City Council on any matter of the City business.

Enrique Murillo addressed various concerns to City Council including criminal activity in the City.

Alex Reynoso, representing Reynoso's Hit N' Walk, briefed City Council of the success of their 3rd Annual Community Fair and thanked Vice Mayor Perez for attending. Mr. Reynoso informed City Council of Reynoso's Hit N' Walk's upcoming events and new partnerships.

Martin Delgado, Community Library Manager at Huntington Park library, informed City Council of upcoming events at the library including summer reading programs, classes and workshops.

Hector Hernandez, Chief Executive Officer at Community Hospital of Huntington Park, informed City Council of the services offered at Community Hospital of Huntington Park and invited City Council to attend their grand opening on July 31, 2013.

Yadira addressed concerns to City Council regarding City parks playground structures.

Rodolfo Cruz addressed concerns to City Council regarding the City's finances and inquired about City Council meetings to discuss City business.

Candelario Perez addressed City Council to inquire about the status of the proposed rent reduction and maintenance of the former Rugby Senior Housing building.

Jose Solache, President of the Huntington Park Kiwanis Club, thanked City Council for recognizing the Huntington Park Key Club and announced that Martin Delgado will soon be the next president of the Huntington Park Kiwanis Club. Mr. Solache acknowledged former president of the Huntington Park Kiwanis Club Jose Zepeda who was present at tonight's Council meeting.

Mayor Gomez called for any other oral communications, and hearing none, declared oral communication closed.

Motion by Perez, seconded by Macias, to approve the Consent Calendar with the noted change on the minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held, Monday, July 1, 2013 to include the attendance of former Council Members (Richard V. Loya, Jessica R. Maes, Jim Roberts, and Linda Guevara) and former City Clerk Marilyn Boyette, who were present at the regular meeting of the City Council held July 1, 2013, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Member Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

6.1 Approve minutes of the following City Council meeting:

6.1.1 Regular meeting held Monday, July 1, 2013

6.2 Approve the reading by title of all ordinances and resolutions. Said titles which appear on the public agenda shall be determined to have been read by title and further reading waived.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

6.3 Approve Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants dated July 15, 2013.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

6.4 **Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Gann Expenditure Limit and Modifications under Proposition 111.**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2013-34 establishing an appropriations limit for the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 was presented. Motion by Perez, seconded by Macias, to adopt Resolution No. 2013-34, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Member Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

6.5 **Issuance of Billiard Room Permit.**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Issue a Billiard Room Permit for 6032-6034 Santa Fe Avenue as approved by the Planning Commission.

PARKS AND RECREATIONS DEPARTMENT

6.6 **Request for Facility Use and Fee Waiver for the Women's Club Annual Women's Conference.**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Approve the request for facility use and fee waiver the Women's Club for their Annual Women's Conference to be held at the Community Center.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

6.7 **2013 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Funding.**

6. CONSENT CALENDAR – (Continued)

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Authorize the Huntington Park Police Department to accept funding provided through Edward Byrne Memorial justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program totaling \$40,398.
2. Authorize the Chief of Police to sign required documents as “Authorized Grantee Official”.
3. Authorize the Finance Department to establish appropriate accounts to facilitate acceptance of funds and expenditures.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

6.8 Resolution adopting the Gateway Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP).

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2013-35 authorizing the adoption of the Gateway Integrated Regional Water Management Plan dated June 2013 was presented. Motion by Perez, seconded by Macias, to adopt Resolution No. 2013-35, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezquita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Member Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

7. REGULAR AGENDA

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

7.1 Draft City of Huntington Park Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2012.

RECOMMENDED OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Receive and file the Draft City of Huntington Park Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2012.

Following a presentation by Vazquez & Company LLP on the City’s 2012 audit results and there being no objection, Mayor Gomez so ordered this item be received and filed.

7.2 Approve amendment to Finance Department warrant register check approval process.

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Amend the Finance Department Policies regarding the warrant register/check approval process.

7. REGULAR AGENDA – (Continued)

Following a discussion, motion by Gomez, seconded by Perez, to amend the Finance Department Policies regarding the warrant register/check approval process, **LOST** as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Perez and Mayor Gomez; Noes: Council Members Amezcuita and Macias; Absent: Council Member Hernandez. Following a brief discussion and there being no objection, Mayor Gomez so ordered this item be continued.

7.3 Resolution and Annual Report for the City of Huntington Park Street Lighting, Parks and Landscaping Special Tax District for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2014.

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2013-36 establishing and ordering the levy and collection of the annual special tax for City of Huntington Park Street Lighting, Parks and Landscaping Special Tax District for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 was presented. Motion by Perez, seconded by Macias, to adopt Resolution No. 2013-36, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Member Macias, and Mayor Gomez, Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

7.4 Resolution adopting new class specification for the position of Information Technology Specialist.

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2013-37 approving and adopting new class specifications for the position of information Technology Specialist was presented. Motion by Amezcuita, seconded by Macias, to adopt Resolution No. 2013-37, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Member Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

7.5 Resolution to preserve all existing City owned or designated public parking spaces or parking lots in the City of Huntington Park.

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2013-38 to preserve all existing City owned or designated public parking spaces or parking lots in the City of Huntington Park was presented. Motion by Macias, seconded by Amezcuita, to adopt Resolution No. 2013-38, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Member Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

7.6 Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Grant Application.

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Approve the proposed street traffic safety improvement project on Florence Avenue between Salt Lake Avenue and Mountain View Avenue and at the intersection of Florence Avenue and State Street.

7. REGULAR AGENDA – (Continued)

2. Authorize the City Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Evans Brook Associates for the preparation of the conceptual design and the grant application package for a not-to-exceed fee of \$14,000.

Following a PowerPoint presentation by James Enriquez, Director of Public Works/City Engineer, motion by Perez, seconded by Amezquita, to **approve the proposed street traffic safety improvement project on Florence Avenue between Salt Lake Avenue and Mountain View Avenue and at the intersection of Florence Avenue and State Street; and authorize the City Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Evans Brooks Associates for the preparation of the conceptual design and the grant application package for a not-to-exceed fee of \$14,000**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezquita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Member Macias and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

8. CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

- 8.1 Discussion and/or action regarding correspondence from the League of California Cities for designation of a voting delegate and alternates to the 2013 Annual Conference to be held September 18 through 20, 2013 in Sacramento, California. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Perez, to **designate Mayor Gomez as the voting delegate and Vice Mayor Perez as the voting alternate to the 2013 Annual Conference to be held September 18 through 20, 2013 in Sacramento, California**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezquita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Member Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.
- 8.2 Approve the return of unused funds proportionally to each sponsor of the 2011 All-American City Award Competition and authorize staff to send a letter to each sponsor regarding the refunds. Motion by Amezquita, seconded by Macias, to **approve the return of unused funds proportionally to each sponsor of the 2011 All-America City Award Competition and authorize staff to send a letter to each sponsor regarding the refunds, with the caveat that the letter to the sponsors include the option of donating said funds to organizations in the City**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezquita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Member Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.
- 8.3 Update on Ordinance relating to the regulation of fireworks by Chief of Police Cisneros.
- 8.4 Discussion and/or action on the Southeast Services Project representatives and the creation of an ad-hoc committee. **There being no objection, Mayor Gomez appointed an ad-hoc committee comprised of Council Member Macias and Mayor Gomez to represent the City of Huntington Park in the Southeast Services Project.**

9. CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

10. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

11. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

11.1 Mayor Mario Gomez

11.2 Vice Mayor Rosa E. Perez

11.3 Council Member Ofelia Hernandez

11.4 Council Member Valentin Palos Amezquita

11.5 Council Member Karina Macias

Interim City Attorney Litfin requested the City Council resolve into a closed session for the following:

12. CLOSED SESSION

12.1 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION
State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company v. City of
Huntington Park (Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 13C00269)

Mayor Gomez declared the meeting resolved into closed session to be held immediately in the adjoining conference room at 8:15 p.m.

Following the closed session, the meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 8:39 p.m. Present: Council Member Valentin Palos Amezquita, Vice Mayor Rosa E. Perez, Council Member Karina Macias, and Mayor Mario Gomez; Absent: Council Member Ofelia Hernandez.

Interim City Attorney Litfin reported out that there was no reportable action taken in closed session.

Mayor Gomez declared the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Mario Gomez, Mayor

Rocio Martinez, Acting City Clerk